

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CCCIA, INC., d/b/a CONNECT!	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-39
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

(Issued December 22, 1999)

On November 1, 1999, CCCIA, Inc., d/b/a Connect! (Connect), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Connect intends to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service in the Iowa exchanges currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S West), and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). Connect specifically intends to provide service in the exchanges of Ames, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fairfield, Iowa City, Mason City, Sioux City, and Waterloo. Connect concurs with the U S West and GTE service area maps on file with the Board and concurs with any future changes in the service areas. Notice was sent to affected parties and no objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has reviewed the Connect application and finds Connect has demonstrated it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange

service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Connect. Connect also requested the Board waive the requirements of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2) (requiring accounts), 18.2 (governing location of records), and 22.3(1) (requiring publication of directories) (1999). The Board will grant the requested waivers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by CCCIA, Inc., d/b/a Connect!, on November 1, 1999, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.
2. At the time Connect files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Connect, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Connect to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The request for waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of December, 1999.